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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/562,631	Applicant(s) RIELLO ET AL.	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 December 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claims 1-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The claims are generally narrative and indefinite, failing to conform with current U.S. practice. They appear to be a literal translation into English from a foreign document and are replete with grammatical and idiomatic errors.

In addition the claims are replete with antecedent basis errors and words struck through which seem essential to the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1,2,6-8 and 11-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Blumberg USPN 4,668,150 in view of Aaronson et al. USPN 3,598,265.

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Blumberg discloses a retrieval device comprising:

(Re claim 1) “a device for the manipulation and movement of objects” (figure 14). “magazine ... housings” (303 figures 14,15). “device ... mobile ... (X,Y)” (37a,53 figure 2). “carriage which moves in a direction (Z) at right angles” (33 figure 14). “form a support surface” (377,379 figure 16). “an appropriate source of motion” (349 figure 14).

Blumberg does not disclose a system comprising both a slide and a carriage which both extend to provide a support surface by extending.

Aaronson teaches a system comprising a slide (56 figure 2) and a carriage (70 figure 2) which extends to support an object.

It would be obvious to one skilled in the art to use the teachings of Aaronson to use an extendable slide and carriage style system because it allows for the same range of extension in a more compact storage envelope there by allowing for a smaller travel space or the device inside the magazine.

(Re claim 2) “carriage comprises a cavity bordered by a pair of side guides ... slide ... movable along the side guides” (70,52,56 figure 2, Aaronson).

(Re claim 6) “electric motor” (349 figure 14, Blumberg).

(Re claim 7) “motor is housed inside a casing integral with one side of the carriage” (44,42 figure 2, Aaronson).

(Re claim 8) “carriage and the source of motion are kinematically connected by means of a first rack integral with the carriage and a driving gear fixed to the shaft of the electric motor” (42,44,46,48 figure 2, Aaronson).

(Re claim 11) “objects to be transferred consist of recorded objects” (“video cassettes” Background of the Invention, Blumberg).

(Re claim 12) Blumberg nor Aaronson disclose transporting the items claimed but would be capable of such.

(Re claim 13) “device is mounted inside an automatic dispensing machine” (figure 1,2, Blumberg).

(Re claim 14) “automatic dispensing machine is designed to dispense recorded objects such as video cassettes and/or DVDs or other audiovisual items” (figure 1,2, Blumberg).

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. USPNs 4,789,054 and 6,692,211.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TIMOTHY R. WAGGONER whose telephone number is (571)272-8204. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thu 8am-2pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on (571) 272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Timothy R Waggoner/
Examiner, Art Unit 3651